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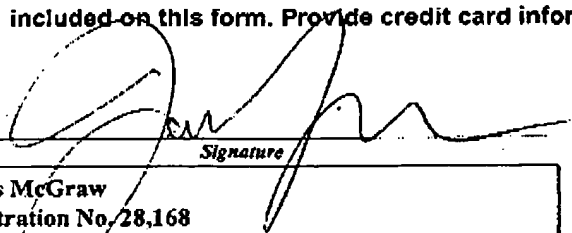
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Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING SIGNAL VIABILITY IN OPTICAL NETWORKS									
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 23, 2006, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.